CLAIMS

1. A compound of the formula:

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$$G \xrightarrow{\mathbb{R}^2} \mathbb{R}^3 \xrightarrow{\mathbb{R}^1} \mathbb{R}^1$$

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:

A is CH or nitrogen;

B is $-CH_2-$, -CHF-, $-CF_2-$, NR_4 or O, with the proviso that when A is N, B is $-CH_2-$, -CHF- or $-CF_2-$;

G is oxygen or =N-CN,

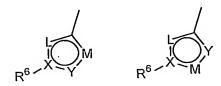
R₁ is hydrogen or C₁₋₆ alkyl;

R₂ is hydrogen; C₁₋₁₀ alkyl optionally substituted with C₁₋₆ alkoxy or halogen; aralkyl, a -CH₂-heterocycle or a -CH₂-C₅ cycloalkyl ring each of which may be optionally substituted with one or more of halo, hydroxy, C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, C₁₋₈ alkoxy, C₁₋₆ haloalkoxy, C₂₋₆ alkenyl, C₂₋₆ haloalkenyl, C₂₋₆ alkynyl or C₂₋₆ haloalkynyl;

 $\ensuremath{R_3}$ is hydrogen; a cyclic alkyl radical containing from 3-6 carbon atoms or a $C_1\text{--}C_6$ alkyl;

R4 is hydrogen or lower alkyl;

 R_5 is a 5-membered unsaturated heterocyclic ring having one of the following structures:



where L and M are independently O or N (or NH where the circumstances require) with the proviso that both of L

and M cannot be O; Y is S, CH, O or N (or NH where the circumstances require); X is C or N; and

R₆ is lower alkyl; hydrogen; arylamino optionally substituted with one or more of halo, hydroxy, C₁₋₆

5 alkyl, C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, C₁₋₆ alkoxy, C₁₋₆ haloalkoxy, C₂₋₆ alkenyl, C₂₋₆ haloalkenyl, C₂₋₆ alkynyl or C₂₋₆ haloalkynyl; aralkyl optionally substituted with one or more of halo, hydroxy, C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, C₁₋₆ alkoxy, C₁₋₆ haloalkoxy, C₂₋₆ alkenyl, C₂₋₆ haloalkenyl,

10 C₂₋₆ alkynyl or C₂₋₆ haloalkynyl; or a group of formula:



wherein n is an integer in the range from 1 to 4 and 15 HET is a heterocyclic group optionally substituted with one or more of halo, hydroxy, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} haloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{1-6} haloalkoxy, C_{2-6} alkenyl, C_{2-6} haloalkenyl, C_{2-6} alkynyl or C_{2-6} haloalkynyl;

or R_5 may also be C_2 - C_4 -aralkyl, - CH_2 -O- R_7 where R_7 20 is C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{2-6} alkenyl, C_{2-6} alkynyl, C_2 - C_4 aralkyl which groups may be optionally substituted with fluoro or hydroxy; and

 R_8 is hydrogen or aryl (optionally substituted with one or more of halo, hydroxy, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} haloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{1-6} haloalkoxy, C_{2-6} alkenyl, C_{2-6} haloalkenyl, C_{2-6} alkynyl or C_{2-6} haloalkynyl);

with the proviso that when either R_3 or R_8 is not hydrogen, the other is hydrogen.

30 2. A compound according to claim 1, in which G is O;

R₁ is H or lower alkyl;

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 R_2 is C_{1-8} alkyl, $-CH_2$ -aryl or a $-CH_2$ -substituted heterocycle each of which may be optionally

substituted with one or more of halo, hydroxy, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} haloalkyl, C_{1-8} alkoxy, C_{1-6} haloalkoxy, C_{2-6} alkenyl, C_{2-6} haloalkenyl, C_{2-6} alkynyl or C_{2-6} haloalkynyl;

R₃ is hydrogen, cyclobutyl, cyclopropyl, methyl, ethyl, isopropyl, butyl, sec-butyl;

R4 is hydrogen;

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 R_5 is one of the following 5-membered unsaturated heterocyclic ring structures:

R₆ is methyl, aralkyl, arylamino, aralkyl substituted by one or more halo and having a methylene group linking the aryl to the unsaturated 5-membered ring, aralkyl substituted by one or more halo and having an ethylene group linking the aryl to the unsaturated 5-membered ring;

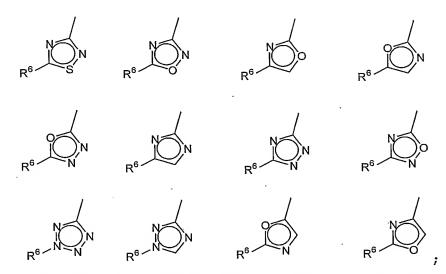
 R_8 is hydrogen, phenyl or halo-substituted phenyl.

20 3. A compound according to claim 2, wherein R_1 is H;

 R_2 is $-CH_2$ -aryl optionally substituted with one or more of halo, hydroxy, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} haloalkyl, C_{1-8} alkoxy, C_{1-6} haloalkoxy, C_{2-6} alkenyl, C_{2-6} haloalkenyl, C_{2-6} alkynyl or C_{2-6} haloalkynyl;

R₃ is hydrogen or cyclobutyl;

 R_5 is one of the following 5-membered unsaturated heterocyclic ring structures:



R₆ is phenyl, phenylamino substituted by one or more halo, phenylmethyl substituted by one or more halo, or phenethyl substituted by one or more halo;

 R_8 is hydrogen or a fluoro-substituted phenyl.

- 4. A compound according to claim 3, wherein
- 10 R₂ is -CH₂-C₆H₅ or -CH₂-heterocyclic aryl each of which may be optionally substituted with one or more of halo, hydroxy, C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, C₁₋₈ alkoxy, C₁₋₆ haloalkoxy, C₂₋₆ alkenyl, C₂₋₆ haloalkenyl, C₂₋₆ alkynyl or C₂₋₆ haloalkynyl;

15 R_3 is H_7

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 R_5 is one of the following 5-membered unsaturated heterocyclic ring structures:

 R_6 is a meta chloro-substituted phenylamino, a meta chloro-substituted phenylmethyl or a meta chloro-substituted phenethyl;

5 R₈ is 3,5-difluorophenyl.

5. A compound according to claim 1, wherein

A is CH;

B is -CH₂-;

G is oxygen;

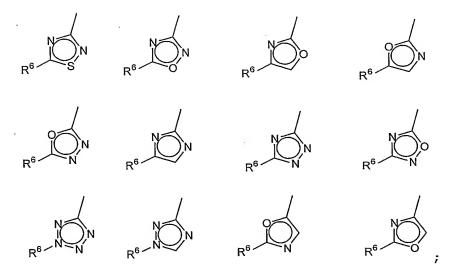
10 R₁ is hydrogen;

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 R_2 is C_{1-10} alkyl or $-CH_2$ -aryl (optionally substituted by one or more of halo, hydroxy, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} haloalkyl, C_{1-8} alkoxy, C_{1-6} haloalkoxy, C_{2-6} alkenyl, C_{2-6} haloalkenyl, C_{2-6} alkynyl or C_{2-6} haloalkynyl);

R₃ is cyclobutyl or H;

 R_5 is one of the following 5-membered unsaturated heterocyclic ring structures:



 R_6 is methyl, aralkyl, arylamino, aralkyl substituted by one or more halo and having a methylene group linking the aryl to the unsaturated 5-membered ring, aralkyl substituted by one or more halo and having an ethylene group linking the aryl to the unsaturated 5-membered ring; and

 R_8 is H or phenyl (optionally substituted with halo).

10 6. A compound according to claim 1, in which A is CH;

B is 0;

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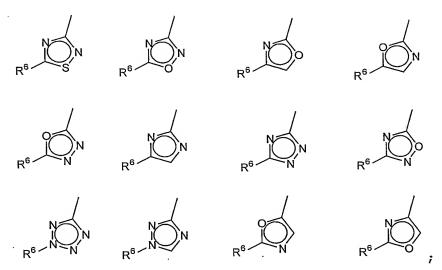
G is oxygen;

R₁ is hydrogen;

 R_2 is C_{1-10} alkyl, $-CH_2$ -aryl(optionally substituted by one or more of halo, hydroxy, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} haloalkyl, C_{1-8} alkoxy, C_{1-6} haloalkoxy, C_{2-6} alkenyl, C_{2-6} haloalkenyl, C_{2-6} alkynyl or C_{2-6} haloalkynyl);

R₃ is cyclobutyl or H;

 R_5 is $-CH_2-O-CH_3$, $-CH_2-O-CH_2-CH_2-C_6H_5$ or one of the following 5-membered unsaturated heterocyclic ring structures:



R₆ is methyl, aralkyl, arylamino, aralkyl substituted by one or more halo and having a methylene group linking the aryl to the unsaturated 5-membered ring, aralkyl substituted by one or more halo and having an ethylene group linking the aryl to the unsaturated 5-membered ring; and

 R_8 is H or phenyl (optionally substituted with halo).

10 7. A compound according to claim 1, wherein

A is CH;

B is NH;

G is oxygen;

R₁ is hydrogen;

15 R₂ is C_{1-10} alkyl, $-CH_2$ -aryl, a $-CH_2$ -heterocyclic group or a $-CH_2$ -substituted C_5 cycloalkyl (optionally substituted by one or more of halo, hydroxy, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} haloalkyl, C_{1-8} alkoxy, C_{1-6} haloalkoxy, C_{2-6} alkenyl, C_{2-6} haloalkenyl, C_{2-6} alkynyl or C_{2-6} haloalkynyl);

R₃ is cyclobutyl or H;

R4 is hydrogen;

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 R_5 is $-\text{CH}_2\text{-O-CH}_3$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{-O-CH}_2\text{-CH}_2\text{-C}_6\text{H}_5$ or one of the following 5-membered unsaturated heterocyclic ring structures:

R₆ is methyl, aralkyl, arylamino, aralkyl substituted by one or more halo and having a methylene group linking the aryl to the unsaturated 5-membered ring, aralkyl substituted by one or more halo and having an ethylene group linking the aryl to the unsaturated 5-membered ring; and

 $\ensuremath{\mathtt{R_8}}$ is H or phenyl (optionally substituted with halo).

10 8. A compound according to claim 1, wherein

A is N;

B is $-CH_2-;$

G is oxygen;

R₁ is hydrogen;

15 R_2 is C_{1-10} alkyl, $-CH_2$ -aryl, a $-CH_2$ -heterocyclic group or a $-CH_2$ -substituted C_5 cycloalkyl (optionally substituted one or more of halo, hydroxy, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} haloalkyl, C_{1-8} alkoxy, C_{1-6} haloalkoxy, C_{2-6} alkenyl, C_{2-6} haloalkenyl, C_{2-6} alkynyl or C_{2-6} haloalkynyl);

R₃ is cyclobutyl or H;

 R_5 is one of the following 5-membered unsaturated heterocyclic ring structures:

methyl, aralkyl, is arylamino, R_6 aralkyl substituted by one or more halo and having a methylene group linking the aryl to the unsaturated 5-membered ring, aralkyl substituted by one or more halo and having an ethylene group linking the aryl to the unsaturated 5-membered ring; and

R₈ is H or phenyl (optionally substituted with halo).

A compound according to claim 1, wherein 10 9.

A is N;

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B is $-CH_2-;$

G is oxygen;

R₁ is hydrogen;

 R_2 is C_{1-10} alkyl, $-CH_2$ -aryl, a $-CH_2$ -heterocyclic 15 or a $-CH_2$ -substituted C_5 cycloalkyl, group (optionally substituted by one or more of halo, hydroxy, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} haloalkyl, C_{1-8} alkoxy, C_{1-6} haloalkoxy, C_{2-6} alkenyl, C_{2-6} haloalkenyl, C_{2-6} alkynyl or C2-6 haloalkynyl); 20

R₃ is cyclobutyl or H;

 R_5 is $-CH_2-O-CH_3$; and

R₈ is H or phenyl (optionally substituted with halo).

25 10. A compound according to claim 1, wherein A is N;

B is $-CH_2-;$

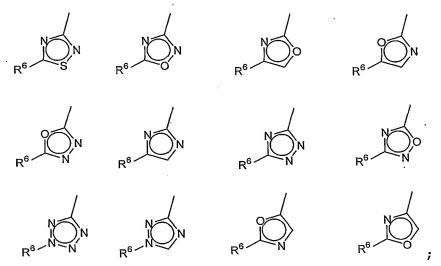
G is oxygen;

R₁ is hydrogen;

 R_2 is C_{1-10} alkyl, $-CH_2$ -aryl or a $-CH_2$ -heterocyclic group, (optionally substituted by one or more of halo, hydroxy, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} haloalkyl, C_{1-8} alkoxy, C_{1-6} haloalkoxy, C_{2-6} alkenyl, C_{2-6} haloalkenyl, C_{2-6} alkynyl or C_{2-6} haloalkynyl);

R₃ is hydrogen or cyclobutyl;

10 R₅ is one of the following 5-membered unsaturated heterocyclic ring structures:



 R_6 is methyl, aralkyl, arylamino, aralkyl substituted by one or more halo and having a methylene group linking the aryl to the unsaturated 5-membered ring, aralkyl substituted by one or more halo and having an ethylene group linking the aryl to the unsaturated 5-membered ring; and

R₈ is phenyl, 3, 5-difluorophenyl or H.

11. A compound according to claim 1, having the formula:

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- 12. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically effective amount of the compound of claims 1 to 11.
 - 13. A compound in accordance with any one of claims 1 to 11 for use as a medicament.
 - 14. Use of a compound in accordance with claims 1-11
- in the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of disorders caused by the malfunction of the acetylcholine or muscarinic systems.
 - 15. The use of claim 14, wherein the disorder is Alzheimer's disease.
- 15 16. A method of treatment, prophylaxis and/or inhibition of disorders caused by the malfunction of the acetylcholine or muscarinic systems comprising the administration of a therapeutically effective amount of a compound as claimed in any of claims 1 to 11 to a subject in need thereof.